

ABSTRACT

A software-code configurable digital appliance, such as a television settop box, is provided for operating in a network, such as a subscription television system. A storage component of the appliance stores different versions of at least one of firmware and application program code. A processing component is provided for selecting an appropriate version of the firmware and/or application program code, depending on predetermined criteria relating to the network to which the appliance is connected. The selected version is loaded into an operating component of the appliance to enable the appliance to operate in the network. The different versions of firmware and/or application program code are adapted to enable the appliance to be deployed in any of a plurality of incompatible networks.